

**641—88.2 (135) Definitions.** For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

“*Charitable organization*” means a charitable organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

“*Defend*” means that the office of the attorney general shall provide the individual volunteer health care provider and protected clinic with legal representation at no cost to the individual volunteer health care provider or protected clinic.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of public health.

“*Field dental clinic*” means a dental clinic temporarily or periodically erected at a location where mobile dental equipment, instruments, or supplies, as necessary, are utilized to provide dental services.

“*Free clinic*” means a facility, other than a hospital or health care provider’s office, which is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which has as its sole purpose the provision of health care services without charge to individuals who are otherwise unable to pay for the services.

“*Health care facility*” means a residential care facility, a nursing facility, an intermediate care facility for persons with mental illness, or an intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation.

“*Health care services*” means services received from an individual volunteer health care provider at a protected clinic or sponsor entity, as provided in Iowa Code section 135.24 and these rules, and approved in a protection agreement or sponsor entity agreement. The agreement covers “health care services” that are volunteer, uncompensated services. For those services to qualify as volunteer, uncompensated services under this chapter, the individual volunteer health care provider, protected clinic, or sponsor entity must receive no compensation for any services provided under the agreement and must not bill or accept compensation from the person, or any public or private third-party payor, for the specific services provided by the individual volunteer health care provider covered by the agreement.

“*Indemnify*” means that the state of Iowa shall pay all sums that the individual volunteer health care provider or protected clinic holding a protection agreement with the VHCPP is legally obligated to pay as damages because of any claim made against the individual volunteer health care provider or protected clinic which arises out of the provision of free health care services rendered or which should have been rendered by the individual volunteer health care provider or protected clinic.

“*Individual volunteer health care provider*” means any one of the following health care providers who has a fully executed protection agreement with the VHCPP: an emergency medical care provider certified pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 147A; a physician licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148; a physical therapist licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148A; an occupational therapist licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148B; a physician assistant licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148C and practicing under the supervision of a physician; a podiatrist licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 149; a chiropractor licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 151; a respiratory therapist licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 152B; an advanced registered nurse practitioner, a licensed practical nurse or a registered nurse licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 152 or 152E; a dentist, dental assistant, or dental hygienist licensed or registered pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 153; an optometrist licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 154; a psychologist licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 154B; a bachelor social worker, a master social worker, or an independent social worker licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 154C; a marital and family therapist or mental health counselor licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter

154D; a speech pathologist or audiologist licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 154F; or a pharmacist licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 155A.

*“Protected clinic”* means field dental clinic, free clinic, or specialty health care provider office providing free care to the uninsured and underinsured. Each protected clinic has a signed protection agreement, which provides for defense and indemnification of the protected clinic. The protection agreement shall allow the protected clinic to deliver health care services to uninsured and underinsured persons as an agent of the state.

*“Protection agreement”* means a signed contract providing for defense and indemnification between an individual volunteer health care provider or protected clinic and the volunteer health care provider program (VHCPP). This agreement shall allow the individual health care provider or protected clinic to deliver health care services to uninsured and underinsured persons as an agent of the state. The agreement covers “health care services” that are volunteer, uncompensated services. For those services to qualify as volunteer, uncompensated services under this chapter, the individual health care provider and protected clinic must receive no compensation for any services provided under the agreement and must not bill or accept compensation from the person, or any public or private third-party payor, for the specific services provided by the individual volunteer health care provider covered by the agreement.

*“Specialty care referral network”* means the referral network established through the Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network.

*“Specialty health care provider office”* means the private office or clinic of an individual specialty health care provider or a group of specialty health care providers as referred by the Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network established in Iowa Code section 135.153 but does not include a field dental clinic, a free clinic, or a hospital.

*“Sponsor entity”* or *“sponsor entity clinic”* means a hospital, clinic, free clinic, health care facility, health care referral program, charitable organization or field dental clinic. Each sponsor entity has a fully executed sponsor entity agreement. The sponsor entity agreement shall allow an individual volunteer health care provider to deliver health care services to uninsured and underinsured persons as an agent of the state.

*“Sponsor entity agreement”* means a signed contract between the VHCPP and a hospital, clinic, free clinic, health care facility, health care referral program, charitable organization, or field dental clinic allowing an individual volunteer health care provider to deliver free health care services through the VHCPP at the sponsor entity location.

*“Underinsured”* means that a person does not have adequate insurance, which is determined on cost-exposure to family income with at least one of three indicators: (1) out-of-pocket medical expenses equal to or greater than 10 percent of income; (2) out-of-pocket medical expenses equal to or greater than 5 percent of income if income is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level; and (3) health plan deductibles equal to or greater than 5 percent of income.

*“Volunteer health care provider program”* or *“VHCPP”* means the volunteer health care provider program of the department.